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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA : Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Don I. Wortman
Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT : Waivers of Certain Classification
Review Requirements

79-6978/4

1. Action Requested: Your signature is requested on the attached letter to the Director of the Information Security Oversight Office (D/ISOO).

2. Background:

a. On 1 June 1979 you sent the D/ISOO a request for waiver of the 10-year systematic review interval requirement of Executive Order 12065. The request covered specific categories of documents and information relating to intelligence sources and methods, pursuant to your statutory responsibilities for the protection thereof. The request also recommended application of the waiver to the U.S. Intelligence Community as a whole rather than to CIA alone.

b. The D/ISOO responded on 23 July 1979, accepting the request without any significant alterations in the waiver categories as such. He did, however, propose that a "...single and uniform review interval..." be established for all waiver categories. He also said he intends to issue the waiver as uniform policy for all executive branch agencies granted original classification authority by the Order, and asked for your comments. The proposed response endorses the D/ISOO's basic position while recommending a few relatively minor changes designed to tighten the language used and to make application of the waiver more feasible in terms of established Agency procedures for systematic classification review.

3. Staff Position: With the recommended changes, the favorable D/ISOO reply to our waiver request will be fully acceptable for Agency purposes. It should also prove acceptable to the U.S. Intelligence Community at large as well as to the other executive branch agencies involved, by achieving the essential objective: reduction of the administrative burden created by the Executive Order's original requirement for continual systematic reviews of classified information at ten-year intervals.

4. Recommendation: It is recommended that you sign the letter to the Director, ISOO responding to his 23 July communication concerning waiver of the ten-year classification review interval requirement.



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[Signature] Don L. Wortman

Attachment: a/s

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Mr. Michael T. Blouin
Director, Information Security Oversight Office
General Services Administration
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Washington, D.C. 20405

Dear Mr. Blouin:

The procedures cited in your letter of 23 July 1979 concerning waiver of the 10-year review interval requirement of Executive Order 12065 will do much to alleviate the burdens imposed by the Order's systematic classification review provisions. As you indicate, the establishment of a general waiver with a single and uniform review interval will indeed simplify the waiver's administrative application by the Central Intelligence Agency and the other Executive Branch agencies concerned.

I enclose for your consideration a redraft of the enclosure to your letter, incorporating some recommended minor modifications. Reasons for these changes, where suggested, are specified in brackets following each item. In addition to a few editorial amendments, the changes would:

a. Provide for application of the waiver to information systematically reviewed at any time following its anniversary date, rather than upon that date itself as implied in your original text. It is not yet feasible to ensure that all classified information is systematically reviewed as soon as it becomes eligible under the terms of Executive Order 12065; Section 3-405 of the Order provides a 10-year period for full transition to systematic review at 20 years.

b. Reflect the Order's provisions (Section 3-404) exempting foreign government information from 20-year systematic review and setting the thirtieth year as the anniversary for initial systematic review of such information.

I hope these recommendations will meet with your approval, and look forward to issuance of the waiver memorandum as uniform policy in accordance with your letter.

Yours sincerely,

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